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Subject: Microsoft Proposed Settlement

Dear Sirs or Madams:

I have read about the proposed Microsoft anti-trust settlement and am appalled that such a settlement is even being considered.

It is obvious to anyone who currently, or in the past, makes their living in computer support for education that this settlement would only serve to increase the market share, and thus the monopoly power, of Microsoft in the education market. Further more, the proposed settlement has no mechanism to control the use of Microsoft's monopoly power in the future. Long term, the settlement would not provide redress for Microsoft's abuse of monopoly power, but instead simply increase the possibility of such abuse in education, while hurting the market share of competing companies.

Bottom line: the proposed settlement is wholly inadequate as a penalty for Microsoft's abuse of its monopoly power. It is completely unacceptable. I strongly urge you to reject this proposal and continue your work to find an acceptable remedy.

Sincerely,

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